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Chief of []

24 September 1952

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Willow Tree Team Debriefing

Reference: DIR 17860, Para 2.

1. Forwarded under separate cover are attachments 1, 2 and 3 of the Willow Tree debriefing. For all intents and purposes it is felt that Willow accomplished its mission satisfactorily. The route in and out used by Willow was similar to the original route used on their first infiltration 12 June.

2. In regard to reference, Willow was unable to supply any information concerning this subject.

3. Prior to our re-infiltration of Willow on or about 15 October the team members will be carriage tested.

4. Newspapers brought out by the team are being photographed and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible with a photostat copy sent to [] []

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Attachments: separate cover,

1. Willow Tree Debriefing
2. Willow Tree Debriefing Part I
3. Willow Tree Debriefing Part II

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2. Willow Tree was able to service the main pick up point but due to the above mentioned trouble was unable to make two more pick ups scheduled for 11 and 12 September.
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Following is information gathered through the dead-letter drops and date of event:

1. 27 August. At 0400 hours an airplane was seen heading over Erseke. The plane crossed the Greek border. Type of plane unknown. A red light which flickered on and off was visible.
2. 30 August. Two leaflets were picked up which had been dropped o/a 4 August. At the Goco post Willow was able to pick up 5 newspapers.
3. 1 September. The people of the Gore area were gathering to elect councils in the various towns and villages.
4. 29 August. It was reported that pursuit units were chasing a group in the Elbasan area. Armed civilians were picked up in the various towns to aid in the chase.
5. 29 August. A 3 man Yugoslav team was ambushed. One man was killed one captured, the third man was believed to have crossed back in Yugoslavia. No further information about this team was known.
6. 1 August. A camp site was being started in Zvarisht informants believe it was being set up to accommodate 1 battalion of soldiers who would undertake special training.
7. 2 August. Police in the whole area were making arrests of all persons who were unable to met their state quotas.
- ↓ 8. 5 August. Heavy patrol action reported in the Gore-Pogradec-Korea areas.
9. 10 July. Koco Laska, director of the Korea Cooperative, was arrested for embezzlement of cooperative funds.
10. 15 July. The police forces in the Lojan area began picking up forced laborers for the Mati electric project. Only women and young girls were being taken.
11. 7 August. A gun battle took place between a Yugoslav patrol and the Albanian security forces. One Albanian Lt. (NU) and three soldiers were reported killed.
12. 17 August. A Yugoslav patrol kidnaped two girls from the village of Tren. The victims were released two days later.
- ✓ 13. 18 August. It was reported that Albanian security forces building concrete dugouts to be used for storage of arms and ammo at Opar. Russian officers are reported to be the over-seers of the project.
14. 20 August. The Hoxha Government mobilized the 1931 birth group (class) and older persons for a two month refresher training period.

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15. 28 August. In the town of Velcan (Gore) a reserve officer and his wife were arrested for having given aid to "reactionary teams".

16. 30 August. Heavy patrolling action reported in the Gore, Opar and Maliqi areas.

17. 29 August. It was announced that all persons must register for a type of travel document. The document would be required for all travel within the country. Any person traveling would be required to have the destination of his trip noted on the document by the president of the local council. Upon arrival at his destination he must report to the president of the council who notes time and date of arrival, reason for travel, time and date of expected departure. The travel document is then held by the president of the council until subject's day of departure. The particular document would cost 25.1ek.

The travel documents had not gone into effect as of 10 September due to the lack of proper stamps.

18. On or about 31 July. Captain Tefik Cangoji was killed by the security forces. Two of his close friends were sentenced to life imprisonment. Cangoji and his friends were reported to have had close association with reactionaries.

19. The Liberza Ustarak is no longer being issued to soldiers upon completion of their military service. It has been replaced by a letter which states that the bearer has completed his tour of duty.

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BGFIND WILLOW TEAM DEBRIEFING - PART II

Following is information obtained by teammembers through personal contacts:

1. The Sigurimi is now reported to be paying large sums of money to various people in order to learn the whereabouts of "reactionary teams".
2. Source reported that arms had been distributed again to the faithful of the party o/a 1 September.
3. Three persons were arrested in Tresova for having given aid to Western sponsored teams. They were arrested by the Lojan Sigurimi. Persons arrested were:

Dalip Qamel
Muharrem Qamel
Osman Ziem

4. On 4 July Karamen Petriti, from Schoze, and all the members of his family were arrested in connection with the disappearance of Ali Petriti, Karamen's brother. They were imprisoned for 24 days and then released. All personal belongings of the family were confiscated. Ali Petriti exfiltrated with Willow on 9 July.

5. On 7 September a group of 15 men were reported operating in Soujan.

6. Two party members were killed in the Korca area by mistake on the night of July 11. The meeting had lasted until midnight and was existing regulations require all persons to be in their homes by 2400 hours the police accidentally shot two persons on their way home.

7. Willow was able to supply the following list of persons who are friends and are part of the organization in the Gore area:

Adem Agolli	Mocan	Leader
Xhemal Streka		15 men
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There is a total of 90 men in the organization at the present time. All of the above leaders can be called together with their men within 24 hours. There are 15 arms distributed among the group of 90 men.

8. Following are contacts in the Korca area used by Willow:

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9. In reference to requests from the Director concerning high level Communist personnel, Willow was able to obtain the following:

A Russian Colonel (NU) has his office in the executive committee building in Korca. He has been reported to be visiting the storage depots in Opar mentioned in Part I. The automobile carrying the colonel has been seen making the trip to Opar three times within a 10 day period. No additional information about the colonel is known. Willow Tree has cautioned its contacts to continue in search for additional information.

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